

lect, decline or refuse to make the proper and necessary orders to build a free bridge at the place, and shall neglect, decline or refuse to keep up said free bridge after the same is built for the space of six months, then, in either event it shall be the duty of the said persons appointed, to open books of subscription for the stock aforesaid; and as soon as said corporation shall construct said toll bridge and have the same ready for the use of the public, the said corporation may turn said road so as to cross at said bridge and may close said ford to the public, unless said bridge is destroyed by fire, water other cause or it becomes necessary to repair the same, during which time the said ford shall be kept open for public use until said bridge is ready for public use, when the said corporation shall close the same again.

Duty of commissioners.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, After the organization of said corporation, it shall not be lawful to build, construct or open any other bridge, ferry or ford over said river for public use within two miles of said toll bridge.

Other bridges, ferries, fords, &c.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, It shall be lawful for the county court of Rockingham, a majority of the justices being present at its next August term, to make an order authorizing the subscription of the county to the stock of said company, and this act shall be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 28th day of May, 1864.*]

Subscription of stock by county.

TOWNS.

AN ACT TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON. *Chap. 18.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the commissioners of the town of Wilmington shall have full power and authority to levy and collect a tax for municipal purposes upon all auction sales made within the corporate limits of the town, and they may impose either a specific tax upon auctioneers or

Authorizes the levying of certain taxes.